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SUBJ: SPACE COOPERATION-VISIT OF HIGH LEVEL JAPANESE GROUP

REF: A. TOKYO 3083

B. STATE 052867

C. STATE 054689

1. STA COUNSELOR YAMANO INFORMED SCICOUNS TODAY THAT GOJ SPACE DELEGATION HEADED BY SPACE COMMISSIONER TSUYOSHI AMISHIMA PLANS TO VISIT WASHINGTON APRIL 7-10, AND LOOKS FORWARD TO DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPT AND NASA ON APRIL 8 AND 9. GROUP WILL CONSIST OF, IN ADDITION TO AMISHIMA, MR. MASATO YAMANO, ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELOR FOR SPACE ACTIVITIES, RESEARCH COORDINATION BUREAU, STA; MR. A. MATSUURA, VICE PREISDENT, NASDA; AND MR. K. YAMAGUCHI, DIRECTOR, PROJECT CONTROL DEPT, NASDA. GROUP ARRIVES 5:30 PM SUNDAY, APRIL 7, ON FLIGHT BN 011 AND DEPARTS AFTERNOON OF APRIL 10.

2. ON BASIS OF REFS A AND B, YAMANO UNDERSTANDS THAT SEPARATE MEETINGS ALREADY SCHEDULED WITH STATE (GRANGER) AND NASA (FLETCHER), THEY AGREE WITH THIS, BUT PROPOSE THAT APRIL 9 BE DEVOTED TO JOINT MEETING WITH STATE AND NASA FOR WHICH MOST OF DAY SHOULD BE ALLOTTED. SCICOUNS HAS OBSERVED THAT SCHEDULING AND COMPOSITION OF SESSIONS DURING TWO-DAY STAY SHOULD BE LEFT TO DEPT AND NASA. TENTATIVE AGENDA PROPOSED BY STA, WHICH IS SUBJECT TO SAC APPROVAL AT REGULAR MEETING MARCH 27 IS AS FOLLOWS:

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I. PRESENTATION OF STATUS OF JAPANESE SPACE ACTIVITIES.

- A. NEW SPACE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (TOKYO A-185).
- B. JAPAN-FRENCH SPACE COOPERATION PROGRAM.

II. ITEMS AND TECHNOLOGY REQUESTED FOR TRANSFER FROM US TO JAPAN.

- A. TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER NEEDED FOR IMPROVEMENT OF "N" ROCKET.

- 1) FIRST PHASE IMPROVEMENT - 300 KG PAYLOAD.
- 2) SECOND PHASE IMPROVEMENT - 500-600 KG PAYLOAD.

- B. JAPAN'S COMMENTS ON US POSITION ON "N" ROCKET IMPROVEMENT. (STATE 227252, NOV 19, 1973).

III. OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR LAUNCHING OF THREE APPLICATIONS SATELLITES IN JAPAN FY 1976.

IV. GOJ REQUEST FOR CONTINUING COOPERATION (E.E., APPROVAL OF EXPORT LICENSING APPLICATIONS) IN DEVELOPMENT OF EXPERIMENTAL BROADCAST AND COMMUNICATION SATELLITES.

NOTE: YAMANO IDENTIFIED ABOVE TWO ITEMS AS PRIMARILY "FORMALITIES," WHICH CONFIRM LONG-STANDING REQUESTS.

VI. GOJ VIEWS ON JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN POST APOLLO PROGRAM. FOLLOWING WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS, JAPANESE PLAN TO VISIT GEVALLEY FORGE, MCDONNELL DOUGLAS AND TRW, LOS ANGELES; AND AEROFJET-GENERAL, SACRAMENTO, BEFORE DEPARTING FOR JAPAN AIRL 15.

3. COMPREHENSIVE NATURE OF ABOVE AGENDA AND EXPLICIT INCLUSION OF JAPAN-FRENCH COOPERATION AND SECOND-PHASE "N" ROCKET IMPROVEMENT INDICATE THAT JAPANESE GROUP IS PREPARED TO HAVE SERIOUS DIALOGUE ON FUTURE SPACE PLANS AND US COOPERATION THEREWITH.

4. PLEASE CONFIRM SOONEST ACCEPTABILITY OF SCHEDULE AND AGENDA, AND PROVIDE, IF POSSIBLE, PROGRAM OF MEETINGS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 8 AND 9.
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